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Dear Interested Party,

The Tahoe National Forest is initiating public scoping on the proposed Ladybug Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project, which would address risks to forest health associated with infestations of the western pine beetle, the primary bark beetle species of concern in the project area. The project, located in the Tahoe National Forest on the Truckee Ranger District, is east of Stampede Reservoir. The vegetation within the project area is a combination of native stands of dense mixed conifer and plantations of ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) and Jeffrey pine (*Pinus jeffreyi*).

Vegetation treatments to reduce the extent and risk of insect infestations, as well as to reduce the negative effects of those infestations on forest health and resilience, are proposed on approximately 2,900 acres of National Forest System lands. Proposed project treatments include: mechanical and hand thinning of at-risk stands, mastication, and prescribed burning.

You are receiving this notice either because you expressed a specific interest in this project or because I believe you may be directly or indirectly affected by this project. A detailed description of the proposed project is enclosed with this letter. Ladybug project information is also available on the Tahoe National Forest website for review at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55750>.


This letter starts the public scoping period for the project; comments should be received at the Tahoe National Forest by 30 days from initiation, in order for them to be considered early in the development of the environmental analysis. The Forest Service will consider your scoping comments to help inform the development of resource protection measures while preparing a Decision Memo, which is expected in December 2019.

If you have information you believe the Forest Service may not be aware of or have issues (points of dispute, debate or disagreement) regarding potential effects of the proposed action, please submit those comments in writing to: Jonathan Cook-Fisher, Truckee Ranger District, 10811 Stockrest Springs Rd. Truckee, CA 96161; FAX (530) 587-6914. The office business hours for hand-delivered written comments are: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf) or word (.doc) to comments-pacificsouthwest-tahoe-truckee@usda.gov.

For additional information concerning the proposed action, please contact the Truckee Ranger District at (530) 587-3558.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the Tahoe National Forest.

Sincerely,



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